

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

BASHIR SHEIKH, M.D.,

Plaintiff,

v.

GRANT REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER,

Defendant.

ORDER

11-cv-1-slc

This is a civil action for monetary relief in which plaintiff Bashir Sheikh, who is proceeding pro se, alleges that defendant wrongfully terminated his employment on or about August 31, 2009 because of his race and national origin. Plaintiff has paid the \$350 fee for filing this case.

The next step is for plaintiff to serve his complaint on the defendant. Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m), a plaintiff has 120 days after filing a complaint in which to serve a defendant. However, that is an outside limit with few exceptions. This court requires that a plaintiff act diligently in moving his case to resolution. If plaintiff acts promptly, he should be able to serve his complaint on the defendant well before the deadline for doing so established in Rule 4.

To help plaintiff understand the procedure for serving a complaint, I am enclosing with this order a document titled "Procedure for Serving a Complaint on a Corporation, Partnership or Unincorporated Association in a Federal Lawsuit." In addition, I am enclosing to plaintiff an extra copy of his complaint and the forms he will need to send to the defendant in accordance with the procedures set out in Option 1 of the memorandum.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff promptly serve his complaint on the defendant and file proof of service as soon as service has been accomplished. If, by March 4, 2011, plaintiff fails to submit proof of service of his complaint on the defendant or explain his inability to do so, I will direct plaintiff to show cause why his case should not be dismissed for lack of prosecution.

Entered this 4th day of January, 2011.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER
Magistrate Judge